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[Despatch Abstract.]

FOREST -

Allowance - Special tracts - South Kanara District - Chief Conservator's proposals - Orders passed.

Copy of letter No.7166/26-3, dated 3rd March 1928, from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department.

It is requested that Government may be pleased to includ the Ghat Forests of the Tinnevelly and South Kanara districts as detailed below and in the sketches covered by this report in the list of special tracts specified in annexure V of the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules. Enclosures in reserved forests will be treated in the same way as the reserved forests themselves.

Subordinates on Rs.100, or less, are already entitled, under that annexure, to draw an additional 50 per cent. daily allowance subject to a maximum of Rs.1-8-0 when travelling in South Kanara. This is of general application and the provision does not take account of the special difficulties encountered in travelling on the ghats - it applies equally to them and to travel on main roads near the coast, two very different propositions. Moreover, under this proviso, a Range Officer in the Sixth Grade (or last but one) benefits to the extent of only four annas a day and no other grade of Ranger benefits at all. The ordinary 50 per cent. enhanceme in South Kanara does not affect the Foresters Fixed Travellir Allowance.

2. <u>The Ghat Forests of the Tinnevelly Division</u>.

These forests are situated on the slopes of the Western Ghats between Tinnevelly and Travancore and comprise an area of some 365 square miles, at an elevation of from 300 to 6,000 ft. Where roads exist (there is only one cartir road which goes more than a mile or two into the hills) they are steep and difficult and practically everywhere head load transport is necessary, a "load" over such journeys being naturally a good deal less than that carried on the plains, and the charge being greater. No supplies are procurable anywhere inside the areas recommended to be scheduled so that food has to be carried as well as baggage. Similarly, there is no population, and coolies, once engaged, will

generally have to be retained and paid although they may not be employed every day.

3. The South Kanara Ghat Forests in the North and South Mangalore Forest Divisions. These forests are situated on the slopes of the Western Ghats between South Kanara and Coorg and Mysore. Their area is about 610 square miles and their elevation is from 300 to 4,000 ft. Conditions are more or less the same as in the Ghat Forests of the Tinnevelly Division, and, in the rainy season, a net work of streams add to the difficulties of touring there. Some slight difference from the Tinnevelly Division conditions is, however, to be found in the fact that two or three ghs roads traverse the ghats, so that, in places, travel is not so arduous as in others, but the normal halting places are not in the reserves to be scheduled and the proviso with which this reference concludes will be a sufficient safeguard against abuse.

4. A sketch map of each area is attached. If Government accept the proposals, it is recommended that a condition be added prescribing the drawing of travelling allowance at the enhanc rate unless at least one night is spent inside the scheduled areas. This will prevent claims for journeys into the areas and back agair in one day in connection wit[illegible] little additional expense will have been incurred.

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3. Ghat forests in the South Kanara District.

Under note (iii) in Annexure V to Madras Travelling Allowance rules, the daily allowance of subordinates on Rs.100 and less travelling in the S.Kanara Dt. is increased by 50% subject to a maximum of Rs.1-8-0. The C.C. represents that this rule does not benefit the Rangers in the fifth and higher grades and the Foresters who draw fixed travelling allowances The proposal to include the Ghat forests in the South Kanara Dt. in the list of special tracts in Annexure V is urged mainly with a view to enable these men to draw enhanced travelling allwwance.

It is reported that the conditions in these Ghat forests are slightly different from those in the Tinnevelly Dt. owing to the fact that two or three ghat roads traverse these ghats. Travelling in these ghats is, therefore, stated to be not so arduous. It is apparently owing to this circumstance that no other deptt. of Govt has till now brought forward a similar proposal. There seems to be no strong justification for treating the Tinnevelly and S.Kanara Ghat forests alike. It is submitted that the existing rule i.e., note (iii) in Annexure V, is sufficient to meet the needs of this case generally.

As regards the Foresters, who are not benefited by this concession, Finance may perhaps agree to their fixed travelling allowance being increased by 50 per cent. as in the case of the Revenue Inspectors--Cf. item 5(a) in Annexture III on page 96 of the Manual.

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The file may now be sent to Dev. to take necessary extracts and issue orders as indicated at

on page.5 supra. They may also be requested to add a sentence to the draft that Govt. do not consid it necessary to include the South Kanara Ghat forest in the list of special tracts in Annexure V to the T.A. Rules.

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Please see the enclosed G.O. from Madras and the above G.O. 129 Finance dt. 11.2.'29

Orders have issued in the above G.O. including certain rules which the Govt. are entitled to make under Sec. 20-21 of Madras Act II of 1923 (Madras Court-fees and Suits Valuation Act) and the M.T.A. rules. Orders have now issued in the Law Department, refusing to accede to the request for the inclusion of S. Kanara Govt. Pleaders in the list of Special Courts but granting the concession of enhanced fees to Pleaders and Advocates in certain cases (vide Madras Act II of 1923 at 'A' Schedule). Pleaders in S. Kanara District Courts will have to pay these enhanced amounts.

A draft order is submitted for approval. Finance may perhaps see the draft before issue. [illegible] amendment may be effected to item 13 in Schedule III of the M.T.A. Rules.

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[Previous note on OP 1-2 supra]

3. The draft order may be accepted. On receipt of a copy of the order incorporating necessary amendments to item 13(e) in Annexure III of the I.A. Rules will be issued in this Deptt.

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. 129 Fin dated 11-2- 1929

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READ ALSO :—

C. No. 954 3/29 From the Ce. E. No. 7166/26-3 dated 3-3- 1928

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ORDER.

No. 798 dated 2-5- 192

The Ce. is informed that orders have been issued in Go. 129 Finance dt. 11-2- including certain fixed rents in the Irrigated Dt. in the list of Specified tracts in Annexure V to the L.A. Rules.

2. As regards the fixed rents in the S. Kanara Dt, the Ce is informed that the Govt. do not consider it necessary to include the

Insert in the list of
Special Grants in Annexure U
to the Z.A. Rules.
The Prime Minister pleased
to direct that
the Prized Z.A. of the
Fishermen serving in
the S. Bancroft be
increased by 50 per
cent.

To the C
To the Director Fisheries
Colombo

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